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For METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF PURIFIED INVASIN PROTEIN AND
USE THEREOF

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,

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Please enter the following amendments prior to examination
of the above-identified patent application:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following new paragraph immediately after the
title on page 1 of the application.

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is the national stage of PCT Application
No. US99/24931, filed October 21, 1999, which claims the benefit
of U.S. Provisional Patent Application 60/105,085, filed October
21, 1998 and U.S. Provisional Patent Application 60/136,754,
filed June 1, 1999, all of which are herein incorporated by
reference in their entirety for all purposes.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 8, 9, 11, 19, 20, 23, 24, 27, 28, 34-
37, 45, 46, 48-50, 57-60, 69, 71, 74-76, 81, 88, 89, 93 and 97.

Please amend the following claims:

16. (Amended) The method of claim 14 wherein the protein
denaturant is selected from the group consisting of guanidine
hydrochloride, detergents, and urea.